

local level. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy, then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to oppose the bill in its present form. I don't know, I think what I am about to say is maybe repetitious to what has been said by Senator Smith, by Senator Morehead, by Senator Peterson, by Senator Abboud and some others but I would like for you to look at the handout that has been placed at your desk and look at the local tax levied by the tech colleges in 1976-1977 budget year and you will see the figure of about \$28.4 million, and then if you would look and compare that with the 1984-85 budget the 28.4 million compares with 58.7 million as expenditures for that comparison between '76 and '84. You look at the revenues and you will see those climbing from 11.1 in '76-77, these are local taxes, to \$24 million; state aid from 13 million to 23 million during that same period, and they have raised tuition some, yes, but I think all in all we need to look at these totals. The total revenues they had is 29 million back in those days compared to 59 million this past budget year. Now what I am saying is that with these kind of increases indicate the amount of growth that has occurred during this period. You will also notice that the total taxes on those, and comparing those, was 11.1, then you compare them to 25.6 this current budget year, and I hope that you get the message that this growth in expenditures is something that has...certainly indicates that we just can't afford to keep on, and I think Senator Morehead said it awhile ago, we can't continually go ahead with business as usual at these institutions. They are just going to have to cut back as state government is trying to do and get by on less revenue than what is there. It has been suggested by Senator Hartnett that they could go to tuition to help in this situation and I know this is a tough subject, but I realize also that this is another method that must be used today to finance our higher education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, the issue involved with the tech schools, I understand the concern of Senator Smith, Senator Lundy, Senator Scofield, and Abboud and others, we talk about property taxes. I probably understand